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EXAMINER MARCUS:

As we discussed, Enclosure is a signed copy of the amendment after final rejection, which I filed on Dec. 2, 2003. Also enclosed is a copy of the date-stamped receipt card.

I will await examiner Tread's decision. I appreciate your assistance.

